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Sir:

The undersigned hereby requests that the prior art cited on the attached prior art statement be placed of record in the application file and be considered by the examiner.

This citation of prior art is made under 37 CFR 1.97(b), since it is being filed before the mailing date of a First Office action.

The relevance of the prior art cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08a is as follows:

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This invention teaches a method for supplying fuel to an internal combustion engine. The system shows a fuel tank having a first fuel sump portion , in which a fuel pump is disposed, and a second fuel sump portion formed separate from the first fuel sump portion. A transfer pump which supplies fuel from the second fuel sump portion to the first fuel sump portion is driven with traveling energy of divergent fuel forming a portion of fuel to be supplied to the internal combustion engine from the fuel pump. A divergent fuel control unit

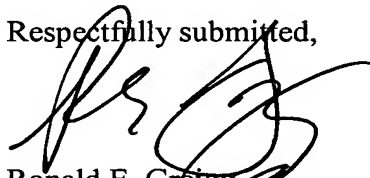
is disposed in a supply line of the diverged fuel to decrease the flow rate of the divergent fuel in dependence on an increase in a demanded fuel flow rate of the internal combustion engine, thereby minimizing a compensation flow rate of the fuel pump as a whole and the flow rate size thereof.

FR 2 723 147 A1

This invention shows a device for delivering fuel from supply to a combustion engine. The device consists of a tank in which sits a container. A fuel pump sucks fuel out of the container and pumps it to the engine. A line connector links the pressure side of the pump to a second pump via a control valve. The function of the second pump is to fill the inner container with fuel. Built into the control valve is a spring loaded slide valve that is directly linked to the line connector. The slide valve is arranged in the pressure side connection of the fuel pump and is open in the feeding direction towards the engine. The control valve has at least one through-let within the connection for the pressure side of the pump. The slide valve also has at least one through-let.

Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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